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1. At a secret meeting on 27 January 1948, the Czechoslovak Cabinet took up the question of the espionage case at Most (Brux) (H51/F13), which resulted in the arrest of thirty-six persons during November 1947. Most of these persons were released after being detained from three to four weeks.
2. Dr. Prokop Drtina, National Socialist Minister for Justice, brought out evidence revealing that the Czechoslovak Secret Police attempted to corrupt certain of the arrestees in an effort to involve both Drtina and Petr Zenkl, National Socialist Deputy Prime Minister, in the espionage affair. Drtina took advantage of the occasion to launch a fiery attack on the Ministry for the Interior, and demanded that the Cabinet empower him to continue his investigation until justice and satisfaction had been obtained for the maligned Ministers.
3. The Cabinet passed a resolution granting Drtina's request, with both Vaclav Majer, Social Democratic Minister for Food, and General Ludvik Svoboda, Minister for National Defense, giving Drtina their support.

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